



# National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC)

*Q&A Session: MID-URN Summary Checklist*

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# Agenda

1. Overview: National Disaster Resilience Competition
  - Purpose and Provisions
2. Review: MID-URN Threshold Criteria
3. Resources Available to NDRC Eligible Applicants
4. Questions

# NDRC Overview

- The National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) makes available nearly \$1 billion to communities that have been impacted by natural disasters **between 2011-2013**.
- The competition encourages communities to not only consider how they can recover from a past disaster but also how to avoid future disaster losses...**to be more Resilient**
- Applicants need to link or “tie-back” their proposals to the disaster from which they are recovering, as well as demonstrate how they are reducing future risks and advancing broader community development goals within in their target geographic area(s).

# Most Impacted, Distressed and Unmet Recovery Need Thresholds

## Most Impacted

- Where did the disaster do damage?
- How much damage was done?

## Distressed

- What characteristics of the most impacted area exacerbate the impact of the disaster and make it more difficult to recover?

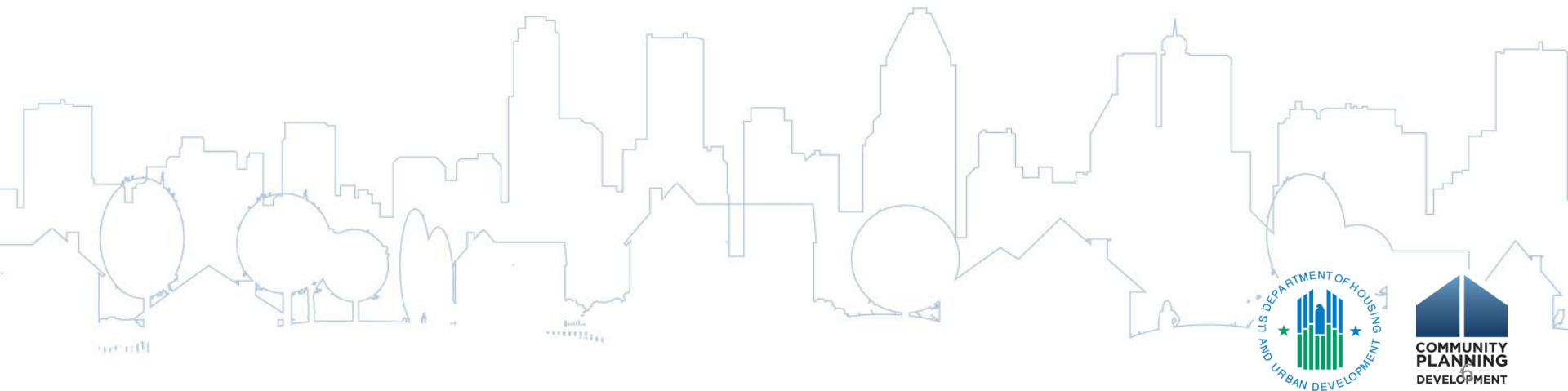
## Unmet Recovery Need

- What need resulting from the disaster remains in the most impacted area that cannot be met with available resources?

# Most Impacted and Most Distressed Thresholds

## The “most impacted and distressed” (MID) thresholds:

- This appropriation provides for certain recovery assistance “in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act” due to Hurricane Sandy and other eligible events in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013  
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# Unmet Recovery Needs Threshold

## Unmet Recovery Needs (URN) threshold

- This appropriation makes funds available “for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization . . .
- These funds “may not be used for activities reimbursable by or for which funds are made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Army Corps of Engineers. . . .”

12/09 Q&A Webinar addressed the “most impacted and distressed” (MID) threshold:



# MID-URN Responses

- Phase 1 narrative response submitted in Applicant's Exhibit B must:
  - Identify target area(s) that is(are) the target area(s) that is(are) most impacted and distressed resulting from the Qualified Disaster by place name and/or Census tract code **AND**
  - Demonstrate unmet recovery need as defined in CDBG-NDR NOFA Appendix G **AND**
  - Provide a link to data supporting the applicant's framing of unmet recovery needs as described in the NOFA
    - Acceptable data sources are defined in Appendix G to the NOFA
- Phase 2 submissions will updated Phase 1 MID-URN responses, as necessary
  - Phase 1 responses may be referenced, rather than re-stated, as needed
  - HUD will award more points to more accurate, detailed and robust responses





# FAQs: Question #159

**Q159: Note that this response is a change to a prior response. Read it carefully.** If a disaster repair project is complete and only addressed repair to pre-disaster condition, but did not address a resilience-enhancing action such as elevation of damaged facility due to funding or other issues, can that resilience action (elevation for example) be considered a “funding shortfall” and thus an unmet recovery need?

We note that such costs are eligible costs of rebuilding according to the NOFA. Appendix A states:

“Resilience measures that are not incorporated into rebuilding activities must tie back to the Qualified Disaster and be a necessary expense related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, or economic revitalization. HUD has determined that generally, designing a project that improves resilience to negative effects of climate change while meeting an Unmet Recovery Need is a necessary and reasonable cost of recovery.”

As a secondary question, does this mean that the costs of resilience projects that do not involve repair or rebuilding disaster damages may be used toward meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold?



# Question 159 Answer

**A: *The previous FAQs 55 and 56 are removed*** and this is the updated response. On the primary question, the new response is yes, if you completed repairs of a structure (or stabilized natural infrastructure such as a streambed) damaged by a Qualified Disaster to a basic functional, stable, or pre-disaster condition, but are able to demonstrate that resilient measures were not implemented and demonstrate the nature and cost of such resilient measures that could have been incorporated into the repairs in accordance with the Appendix G guidance for the category, HUD will consider the demonstrated cost of the resilient measures related to the damage to be unmet needs for purposes of meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold.

For example, if houses in a floodplain were damaged, then repaired to a pre-disaster condition, but not elevated, then the costs of elevation may be considered for threshold. Also for example, if a damaged sewage treatment system was repaired, but resilience measures were not taken in the rebuilding project to mitigate risk, then those costs may be considered for purposes of meeting the Unmet Recovery Need threshold.

The response to the secondary question is not affected by this reconsideration. Although it is true that in Phase 2, an successful proposal may include a CDBG-NDR-eligible project that does not include a rebuilding component, this project must still be the response that meets or addresses an Unmet Recovery Need. Such a project is not itself the Unmet Recovery Need, in the sense of the NDRC.

For example, if houses in a floodplain were damaged by a Qualified Disaster and this damage was demonstrated as sufficient to meet the MID-URN threshold, the applicant could then elect not to address the identified need through repair (resilient or not) of the housing itself. A Phase 2 proposal responsive to the example's housing damage could involve building new housing in a safer location, constructing a sea wall, or providing relocation services/payments and job training to help the affected households move successfully to a less risky location. The costs of the proposed Phase II project in such a case would not be the same as the costs of the identified Unmet Recovery Need that helped the application meet the MID-URN threshold.



# MID-URN Summary Checklist

- Available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/NDRC-MID-URN-Summary-Checklist.docx>

## Instructions:

- Determine which checklist applies depending on the type of target area:
  - Summary Checklist A: County that was previously determined by HUD to be most impacted
  - Summary Checklist B: Sub-county area within a county or county equivalent declared by the President to be a major disaster area
- Complete the appropriate summary checklist for each target area for grant expenditure in your application
  - Checklists do not count against the page number limit
- Aside from the link and page number information required in the Data Documentation column do not add any content to the checklist



# MID-URN Summary Checklist

## Instructions (cont.):

- Summary Checklist A:
  - Each target area must meet at least one Unmet Recovery Need criterion,
- Summary Checklist B: Each target area must meet:
  - At least one most impacted criterion
  - At least one distressed criterion
  - At least one Unmet Recovery Need criterion
- All most impacted, distressed and unmet recovery need criterion must be supported with the corresponding data source and documentation as described in Appendix G



# MID-URN Summary Checklist

## Completing the Checklist:

1. Copy and paste as many copies of each summary checklist as you need for all target areas included in your application
  - NOTE: it will be easiest to do this within the word document provided, to preserve the original formatting
2. Enter the Target Area Name at the beginning of each checklist
  - NOTE: The name will repeat at the top of each page of the checklist for each target area
3. In the “Criteria” column, check at least one check box indicating which Most Impacted, Distressed, and Unmet Recovery Need criterion is described in your MID-URN response, as appropriate
4. In the “Data Source” column, check at least one data source corresponding to the criterion selected in the “Criteria” column
5. In the “Data Documentation” column, indicate where in your application the necessary documentation can be found
6. Repeat for each target area for grant expenditure in your application



# NDRC Resources

Quick link: <http://hud.gov/resilience>

Resilience-related resources:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/community-resilience>

Fact Sheet:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=NDRCFactSheetFINAL.pdf>

NDRC NOFA posted on Grants.gov :

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail)

Competition infographic:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ndr-comp-infographic.pdf>

Submit NDRC questions to: [resilientrecovery@hud.gov](mailto:resilientrecovery@hud.gov)

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# Questions?

